

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SELECTBOARD / SEWER COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

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Meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by Lynne Bertram, Chair.

Present: Brian Bontrager, Vicky Young, Jeff Sailer, Nancy Robinson and Norman (Nope) Martin II

Visitors: Gloria Martin, Steve Tarleton Sr., Melissa Spear, George Spear, Christian Avard, VT Standard

Addition to agenda: Excess Weight Permit (Brown Logging), Date of Minutes to approve should be August 27th instead of August 13th.

Brian moved to accept the minutes of August 27, 2019 and September 4, 2019 as presented. Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: Melissa Spear gave the board a copy of the current town Conflict of Interest Policy as well as information regarding VLCT's model policy outlining elements which must be included in the policy. Lynne and Nancy are currently reviewing town and VLCT draft policy and will to bring to full board as an agenda item soon.

Steve Tarleton asked about Roadside Mowing, Nope reported that mowing has begun, has had equipment problems but will be mowing again soon. Also asked about culvert/pipe size that was installed at on Goldcoast by the Cemetery. 6" PVC pipe was installed as well as 3 feet of stone laid under the pipe to help absorb water before it needs to go through the pipe.

Highway Report: Board reviewed and approved new access permit for Lynne Bertram on North Bridgewater Road. Discussion of drainage ditch between recreation field and Booth property. Not a highway repair, Nope will follow up with Mr. Booth. Jeff will attend Reasonable Suspicion Drug Training on October 24th in Waterbury. Notice of new Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Grant program. Will not apply for this grant this year has town already has several grants in the work including building a new salt/sand shed. Jeff reported that the road crew have been grading roads. Have temporarily fixed sink hole by Hank Smith's on Cox District Road. Ditched and graded Geno Road and cleaned out corner by Anne Robichard's. '19 and '17 Western Star trucks have been inspected and light issues repaired. '14 Freightliner is at Earle's Truck Repair. Has a "punch list" of problems, rear brakes, springs, exhaust, shocks, light harness, front end problems. Estimated cost to repair is between \$5,000-\$10,000. Jeff will check on warranty. Next time town specs out for new trucks should consider larger front ends. Sand is being delivered and is being mixed with salt and "grits/3/8" stone. State/Towns are still waiting on salt contract pricing. Eugene Westney is still willing to assist the town; Jeff may ask him to work a couple of days during the next few weeks. An excess weight permit was approved for Brown Logging.

Treasurer's File: Order sheets #6 & 7 (ck #'s 2472-2474 and e-ck #'s 18463-18488) and Payroll (ck #'s 3860-3871 and e-ck's 2957-2969) were reviewed and signed. A current budget status report was given to the board to review.

Clerk's File: none

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Old business: Board reviewed dog ordinance; Brian moved to adopt the newly revised dog ordinance, replacing ordinance of September 2002. Nope seconded the motion and motion carried. Reviewed quotes for Heating and Cooling system for town office provided by ARC and Central Vermont Heating Service Inc (W. Young). Tabled for now, Brian will follow up and get additional information.

New business: VLCT Annual Town Fair/Educational Seminars is being held on October 2nd and 3rd. No board member is available to attend as voting delegates. Next meeting date changed from September 24th to October 1st. October meetings will be on the 1st and 22nd. No meeting on October 8th. Discussion of mobile home at bottom of Goldcoast Road that has been removed without town clerk signing off on Mobile Home Bill of Sale and questions regarding septic disconnection. Will await information from property owner.

Nope moved to enter into executive session at 5:50 pm to discuss a personal issue per 1 V.S.A. 313 (3). Lynne seconded the motion and motion carried. Returned to open session at 6:00 pm. No action taken.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk